



ALEXANDRIA.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 17.

AS ANTICIPATED, the democrats of this, like those of all the other States, have pledged themselves to the renomination of President Cleveland, and endorsed the policy of his administration. On the important subject of the tariff, they declare that the simple and plain duty of the people is to reduce taxation to the necessary expenses of an economical operation of the government, and to restore to the business of the country the money which is held in the treasury through the perversion of governmental powers. These things, they say, can and should be done with safety to all the industries, without danger to the opportunities for remunerative labor, which the working-men need, and with benefit to them and all the people by cheapening their means of subsistence and increasing the measures of their comforts. As the reduction of the tariff is the only available means by which the subsistence of the people can be cheapened, the declaration referred to is satisfactory to all the advocates of a low tariff, and should bring to the support of the platform containing it all those who want the existing tax on the necessities of life removed, and that on luxuries retained.

AT YESTERDAY'S session of the Baptist convention, now in progress at Washington, Rev. Dr. Eches, of New Jersey, said: The Indian schools endowed by the Government are fast passing into the control of the Catholic Church, and urged the formation of an educational society to guard against what he termed "Roman encroachments." And yet Senator Vest, a Protestant, who, as a member of a congressional investigating committee, inspected the schools on most of the Indian reservations, says the only really good and practical ones among them are those under the control of Catholics.

THE IMPROVED condition of the Emperor of Germany, under the genial influences of Spring, goes far to sustain the diagnosis of Dr. Mackenzie, the famous English surgeon, which is that the Emperor's disease is not cancer, and to discredit that of the German surgeons, which is that it is. For the peace of Europe, and the good of the people of that continent, it is hoped that as the mild weather advances the correctness of the Englishman's diagnosis may become more and more apparent.

THE VIRGINIA democrats may well congratulate themselves upon the fact that Mr. Barbour has consented to retain the chairmanship of the State committee.

From Washington.

(Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17, 1888. Representative Scott, of Pennsylvania, who made a great anti-tariff speech in the House last week, has had five hundred thousand copies of that speech printed, and has notified the other democratic members of the House that they can have as many of them for distribution among their constituents as they may desire.

The House agricultural committee, at their meeting to-day, agreed to refer the bill prohibiting the adulteration of lard to a subcommittee. There is a great deal of doubt concerning the character of the report this committee will make, but it is supposed that it will provide against the adulteration of all food and drink, imported as well as produced in this country, and that a heavy tax be imposed upon innoxious adulterations, and that the manufacture and sale of those that are deleterious be punishable with fine imprisonment.

Most all the Presidential prognosticators at the Capitol are now pretty well agreed that the opposing national tickets next fall will be Cleveland and Gray and Blaine and Harrison. It is said that Gray is the President's choice, and that his predilection for him has been strengthened by the assault recently made upon Governor Gray by ex-Senator McDonald.

In the Senate to-day the bill to give Miss Virginia Taylor Lewis \$20,000 for a sword she inherited from General Washington came up, but objection being made its consideration had to be postponed.

Mr. Speaker Carlisle being engaged in the preparation of a speech in favor of the Mills bill, his chair was occupied to-day by Mr. McMillin. Col. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, will deliver his speech on this bill to-morrow.

The Indians here will give Senator Voorhees a grand reception to-night. Among the attendants will be the members of the Virginia democratic association of this city, who will present the Senator with a beautiful floral ornament.

Among the many distinguished preachers attending the Baptist convention now in session here, who are guests of the Metropolitan Hotel, is the Rev. Dr. Biting, who was pastor of the only Southern Protestant church in Alexandria during the civil war. The Dr. and his wife will visit Alexandria during their stay here.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Sherman introduced a bill to appropriate \$25,000 for the erection in Washington of a monument to the memory of George Rogers Clark, of Virginia, in recognition of his eminent services in the occupation and conquest of the Northwestern Territory during the revolutionary war.

Yesterday was the regular meeting day of the House Committee on Education, who have in one of their pigeon holes the Blair bill, but only two members were present, the chairman, a democrat, and a republican member. No matter for what special purpose the members of this committee were selected, the fact is apparent that they, republicans as well as democrats, are determined that so far as in them lies the Blair bill shall sleep the sleep that knows no waking. Attention was called to it in the open House yesterday, but the fact that it was will probably not change the predetermined result.

Certain of the more pronounced Cleveland men here had fault with the resolutions adopted by the New York and Vir-

ginia democratic conventions, because those resolutions do not explicitly and expressly endorse either the President's low tariff message or the Mills bill, which is acceptable to him. They look upon the omission referred to as a sort of slight which, they say, will and should be remembered.

The House at an early hour to-day resumed the consideration of the Mills low tariff bill, Mr. McKim, of Arkansas, making quite a good speech in favor of that bill, and denying the charge that the democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee had not afforded the republican members opportunity for proposing amendments to that bill. Since the debate on this bill began one hundred and seventeen speeches have been made on it, not one of which has changed the vote of a single member of the body to which they were addressed. The negotiations between the leaders of the opposite sides of the House respecting the adoption of some mode by which definite action on the bill can be accelerated have as yet amounted to nothing, and at present such action seems to be as remote as ever.

The newspaper correspondents here who, as the guests of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, visited the Luray Cave and the Natural Bridge, returned safe and sound last night. Their trip was most interesting and delightful one. Its route was through both the Cumberland and the Shenandoah valleys, both replete with incidents of the civil war. The grandeur of the cave and the bridge has been often described, but to correctly appreciate must be seen. The attractions of the Luray Inn are sufficient of themselves to keep it full. At the Bridge Col. Parsons, the proprietor, entertained the visitors at a grand banquet, at which there was a flow of wit as well as of wine, and at which Col. Pendleton and Fred. Knauer were present. The comfort and safety of the road and the politeness and efficiency of its officers are so well recognized that ought save a mere mention of them is unnecessary.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Senate yesterday passed thirty-eight bills, mostly of an unimportant character.

A treaty is reported signed between the Russian and Montenegrin governments by which the latter is to harass Austria in case of an European war.

M. de Freycinet, French minister of war, and Admiral Krantz, minister of marine, are jointly preparing a bill granting a credit of 6,000,000 francs for coast defenses.

The League games for the baseball championship played yesterday resulted as follows: Boston 1, Chicago 2; New York 1, Pittsburgh 6; Detroit 2, Washington 0; Philadelphia 2, Indianapolis 6.

Mr. Reagan introduced in the Senate yesterday, as a substitute for the measure now before that body to establish a department of labor, a bill providing for the establishment of a department of industries, to be presided over by a secretary.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, yesterday, the transportation committee reported that net earnings for the month of April showed an increase of \$6,198 on lines east, and a decrease of \$1,045 on lines west of the Ohio river. For the seven months ended April 30, the net earnings on all lines show a decrease of \$39,192 as compared with the corresponding months of the previous year.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

"Buck" Whiting, a well known citizen of Millwood, Clarke county, died very suddenly Saturday last.

Bishop Randolph, of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, during the month of April, confirmed one hundred and twelve colored persons.

The contract for the exposition building at Richmond, has been awarded to J. F. Sitterding, of Richmond, for the sum of \$16,700. Work will be commenced at once.

Edward Shortz, for forty years past janitor of the Circuit Court of Richmond and the Court of Appeals of Virginia, died yesterday in Richmond, after a brief illness of typhoid pneumonia, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

The River Boat Club of the University has been completely reorganized, and the students are making earnest efforts to send a strong crew to the State regatta at this city on the Fourth of July. The crew has gone into thorough training, and can be seen daily taking long pulls on the river.

On Monday morning the family of Mr. J. W. Chamberlain, living a short distance west of Berryville, consisting of himself, wife and a young white man employed on the farm, were poisoned by something they ate for breakfast. The cook was suspected, but the young man, Henry Hurl, was arrested on the charge of having committed the act of which he became one of the victims, and was lodged in jail. He is said to be half-witted. Mr. Chamberlain and wife are improving.

A "Spot" in the House.

The feature of the tariff debate in the House yesterday was an attack made by Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, upon Mr. Scott, from the same State. Vigorous epithets and appellations of an unpleasant kind were applied on both sides. Each characterized statements made by the other as false, and Mr. Scott said that a statement made by Mr. Dalzell was as false as hell itself.

Mr. Dalzell characterized Mr. Scott's speech as impertinent, and said that a great many people did not regard the gentleman from Erie as a statesman. He expressed his legal disdain for Mr. Scott's impertinence in daring to state a constitutional proposition, and he piled the "statesman from Erie" as a person upon whose credulity somebody had imposed in regard to cardinal facts of history. He called Mr. Scott the oppressor of labor and a demagogue and ridiculed the idea of his speaking for labor. He insisted that, like other Pennsylvania employers, Mr. Scott had treated his own workmen to several courses of Pinkerton detectives, and closed with an allusion to Mr. Scott's \$10,000 cook. Mr. Scott said that he might be mistaken in calling his adversary a gentleman; he asked Mr. Dalzell how many laborers he had ever employed and how he paid them; when, being twitted with being a millionaire, he responded that Mr. Dalzell had had opportunities but had not the brains to make himself a millionaire; and, in conclusion, he declared that he cared no more for what Mr. Dalzell said than he did for the barking of a dog on the street. He showed that all he had said about steel works in Pennsylvania was correct; that Mr. Dalzell's statements in regard to them were nonsensical; and denounced as absolutely false any statement that he ever treated his workmen harshly or employed police to overawe them. He showed that he paid his workmen better wages than were paid elsewhere in Pennsylvania and more regularly; that he never discharged a workman or put one in the place of another without ample reasons or without considering the workman's welfare and convenience; and declared that if any of these things could be proved against him he would resign his seat in the House as soon as it was proved. Mr. Brumm, of Pennsylvania, said he would prove that Mr. Scott employed police to oppress the laborers, and Mr. Scott responded by threatening to bring him before the bar of the House and make him prove it, or suffer the penalty of making false and malicious charges against a fellow-member.

POLITICAL.

The Democratic State Convention at Norfolk adjourned last night. R. H. Caldwell was permanent chairman. Two delegates and alternates to the St. Louis convention, one elector from each district, and five members of the State committee, were elected. Richard F. Birney, esq., of the city of Richmond, and Hon. John T. Harris were elected electors at large by acclamation. Delegates at large, Jno. S. Barbour, Jno. W. Daniel, P. W. McKinney, R. C. Marshall, District Delegates, First district: J. J. Gunter, Charles Wallace; Second, Jas. E. Heath, C. Featon Day; Third, Jas. D. Patton, W. R. Aylett, Fourth; E. C. Venable, R. G. Southall; Fifth, M. P. Jordan, D. W. Bolen; Sixth, W. E. Green, P. A. Kriese; Seventh, B. B. Gordon, Jas. Hay; Eighth, Eppa Hinton, Thos. P. Wallace; Ninth, A. M. Bowman, E. M. Fulton; Tenth, W. M. McAlister, C. T. Smith. Electors were chosen from the ten Congressional districts in the order named: T. R. B. Wright, D. Gardner Tyler, Tazewell Elliott, W. R. McKinney, H. G. Peters, W. W. Berry, J. H. Wood, E. E. Meredith, John A. Buchanan and R. B. Poore. State committee for this district, Henry Heaton, L. Marbury, E. E. Meredith, T. H. Triplett and George Shackelford. Hon. Jno. S. Barbour was unanimously re-elected chairman of the party of the State.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Barbour said: Fortunately for the harmony of the party there does not seem to be any division of sentiment in the country. The administration of Mr. Cleveland as a whole has commanded the approbation of the democrats throughout the country, and his renomination at St. Louis has already been virtually made. The platform adopted by the party in 1881 at Chicago, which refers to the internal revenue system as a war tax, and calls for a reduction of the revenue, ought to be sufficient for all present purposes. When the national democracy at St. Louis shall announce its platform of principles I am sure the democracy of Virginia will stand by its provisions and give to it a cordial support.

The following platform was adopted: The democratic party of Virginia in convention assembled declare as follows: The simple and plain duty which is due to the people is, in the language of President Cleveland, to reduce taxation to the necessary expenses of an economical operation of the government, and to restore to the business of the country the money which we hold in the treasury through the perversion of governmental powers. These things can be done with safety to our industries, without danger to the opportunity for remunerative labor, which our workmen need, and with benefit to them and our people, by cheapening their means of subsistence and increasing the measure of their comfort.

That while we remit to the national democratic committee about to assemble at St. Louis the consideration of the issues between the democratic and republican parties, we reaffirm the time-honored principles of the democratic faith upon which President Cleveland was nominated and elected President of the United States, we endorse his wise, conservative, honest, fearless and economical administration, and pledge our hearty support to his renomination and re-election.

That the administration of the State government by Governor Lee and his associates has been judicious, courageous and patriotic, and entitles them to the lasting gratitude of the people of Virginia.

That the blessings which have been secured to the State and country through the benign influence of democratic rule, which even with a hostile Senate has lifted our policies out of the rates of taxation, brought the whole Union into closer communion, enforced the constitution in its integrity, and turned the faces of the people to the needs of the living hour, should not lift us into inactivity, but should inspire our utmost endeavors for their continuance and enlargement. We should never forget that republican ascendancy in Virginia would threaten every public interest, and embroil the State in conflict of classes and races detrimental to all, nor should we forget that republican ascendancy would mean the renewal of sectionalism, the suppression of living issues, and the indefinite postponement of relief from that excessive taxation under which the treasury is glutted and the people despoiled.

A lively fight is expected in the republican State convention, which meets in Petersburg to-day. Riddleberger and John S. Wise addressed a large meeting of these opposing Mahone last night. Riddleberger was suffering very much from a throat affection. He declared that Mahone or no other man had the right to dictate how the district delegates to Chicago should vote. Wise made no reference to Mahone, and confined his remarks to discussing party issues.

The Ohio democratic State convention yesterday endorsed the Mills tariff bill as the practical expression of the views of the democratic party. It also endorsed President Cleveland.

The Connecticut republicans have declared for Blaine for President.

In the New York republican convention yesterday the name of Chauncey M. Depew was received with a rattling shout that shook the air that the gas jets fluttered and blinked in the din." The Buffalo News publishes a reported interview with Mr. Blaine at Genoa, in which Mr. B. expresses himself most favorably inclined toward Mr. Depew.

Hon. Hannibal Hamlin was defeated last night in the election for delegate to the Maine republican State convention. He desired to go to the convention as a delegate in the interest of the present Governor, but was defeated by the Blaine faction.

Destructive Frosts.

QUINCY, Ill., May 17.—The frost of last Sunday night almost destroyed the small fruit in this county. Not only is the fruit killed, but the vines are also seriously injured. Tomato plants and early potatoes are also killed.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 17.—Information comes from the tobacco growing counties of western North Carolina that two-thirds or more of the young plants were killed by recent frosts. Vegetables and wheat were greatly damaged at numerous points in the mountains. The mercury went below thirty and in one instance to 25 degrees above.

Surprised by the Natives.

LONDON, May 17.—Advice from the Island of Tahiti say that a party of natives surprised a French patrol and killed an officer of marines and 2 sailors.

The Taylor brothers in Tennessee, whose fiddling campaign for the Governorship of that State was notorious two years ago, are both again candidates. Robert L. Taylor, the present Governor, as stated yesterday, has secured the nomination for re-election and his republican brother is running for Congress.

The Japanese students at Cornell University have a way of cooking English sparrows so that they make a very palatable dish, and the Japs like them so much that they make a standing offer of three cents apiece for all the sparrows brought to them.

George Banoon, the Patti ticket swindler, committed suicide in New York last evening by jumping from the second tier of the Ludlow street jail to the floor below.

A scheme is on foot to build a bridge across the straits of Dover.



TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

Republican Convention.

(Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)
PETERSBURG, Va., May 17.—Gen. Mahone called the republican State convention to order to-day in a carefully considered speech, during the delivery of which he was interrupted by a motion by Mr. Wise to admit Mr. Yost. This provoked a tumultuous scene, during which there was vigorous and menacing shaking of fingers at each other by Mr. Riddleberger and Mr. Hubbard, but no blood was shed. The motion was decided out of order and Gen. Mahone continued his speech, in which he said that the will of the party was his law, and that there had not been a moment of his official life that he would not gladly have escaped its labors and responsibilities.

Col. Lumb, of Norfolk, was made temporary chairman and a recess taken, during which time the district delegations will nominate electors and national delegates. Mahone seems to have the majority enthusiastically with him.

(By Associated Press.)

PETERSBURG, Va., May 17.—Delegates to the republican State convention began to gather in the Academy of Music just before noon and promptly at that hour, the building being about two-thirds full, Gen. Mahone came upon the stage from the rear entrance. His appearance was the signal for an outburst of applause, which the General, however, failed to notice. A few minutes after Hon. John S. Wise, the leader of the opposition to Mahone's unit rule, appeared in that part of the dress circle allotted to the Third district and was also greeted with applause. The noticeable feature of the convention was the great increase in the number of white delegates, some of the districts being almost entirely represented by them. At 12:30 o'clock Gen. Mahone stepped to the front of the stage and was greeted with tremendous and enthusiastic applause, which continued several minutes and which was interspersed with rounds upon rounds of cheers for Blaine and Sherman, the unit rule, the republican party, etc. When quiet had been restored Gen. Mahone, after acknowledging the compliment, proceeded to address the convention. He had spoken but few minutes when Mr. Wise interrupted, stating that Hon. Jacob Yost had been refused admittance to the hall and moved that he be invited to a privileged seat. This caused some confusion, during which Gen. Mahone explained that no properly accredited delegate had been refused admittance.

Senator Riddleberger here interrupted with some statement about the refusal to admit Yost when he was in turn interrupted by Mr. Hubbard, of Buckingham, who charged that such interruptions as had taken place were, to say the least, discourteous in the extreme, and should be stopped. More confusion ensued, in the course of which Senator Riddleberger and Mr. Hubbard, who were in close proximity, indulged in vigorous shaking of fingers at each other and in vehement language, which could not be heard. Without noticing the motion for Yost's admission General Mahone continued and finished his address.

When he had concluded he introduced Hon. Wm. Lamb, of Norfolk, as temporary chairman. Mr. Wise at once renewed his motion—the admission of Mr. Yost. Mr. Lamb said that love of party led him to desire harmony, and for its sake he would put the question to the convention.

A viva voce vote was so evenly divided in sound that the chairman decided that the question was in doubt, but he would give the benefit of the doubt to Mr. Yost and request the door-keeper to admit him.

Mr. Lamb then briefly addressed the convention, exhorting in high terms the republican party and favoring a protective tariff.

Resolutions were adopted providing for the formation of committees on credentials, on permanent organization, on general business, on election of district congressional electors, delegates and delegates-at-large to the Chicago convention, and members of the State committee.

A recess was taken till 4 p.m.

From Norfolk.

(Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)
NORFOLK, Va., May 17.—The Confederate memorial exercises were inaugurated this afternoon by a large and imposing procession comprising several local and visiting Confederate Camps, Grand Army posts, military and fire companies. At the cemetery the Confederate graves were strewn with flowers, a poem was read and an oration delivered.

The Alexandria Light Infantry made a fine appearance in line and were frequently applauded.

Many delegates to the State convention remain over. Some five hundred went on an excursion to Virginia Beach to-day. The Alexandria delegates will return home by the steamer Excelsior to-night.

Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.
SENATE.

The report of the committee of conference on the House bill in regard to the Cincinnati centennial exposition was presented and agreed to.

The pension appropriation bill was then taken up.

The Senate finally passed the bill and then took up the calendar under the rule providing that only unobjectionable measures shall be considered.

HOUSE.

Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, presented the conference report on the Cincinnati exposition bill, and it was agreed to.

The House subsequently went into Committee of the Whole on the tariff bill.

A Suicide's Remains.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The body of Geo. B. Slay, who committed suicide in Ludlow street jail last night, where he was confined pending his extradition to Mexico, was to-day removed to the Morgue. The inquest will probably be held during the day.

A Narrow Escape.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 17.—Judge Lynch came very near making an end of Umphreys, a negro who was arrested yesterday for an assault upon a little girl. He was bound over to court and when taken to jail his identity became known to the other prisoners, who at once attacked him in a vicious manner. After throwing him into a bath tub and nearly drowning him, the prisoners secured a rope, placed it around his neck and dragged him about the corridors, ending the performance by drawing him up free from the floor. The brute would undoubtedly have been strangled to death before the jail officers arrived had not one of the prisoners cut the rope.

Explosion of Powder.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 17.—The shock of an explosion of powder at Stockton, on the Belvidere & Delaware railroad, 36 miles from here, at 7:30 o'clock this morning, was distinctly felt in this place and houses here and in Millsboro, Little Washington, Sayreville and other places were shaken. One man was killed, and several others were injured at the scene of the explosion. A number of houses were wrecked and considerable property was destroyed. Three hundred kegs of powder exploded. The explosion was caused by workmen in a quarry dropping a keg of powder.

Preparing for the Convention.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The completion of the auditorium in time for the republican convention June 19 is now only a question of carpenter work. The roof over the auditorium portion is in place, the flooring is all laid, all of the big galleries are completed and work is now in progress on the smaller galleries. The auditorium will be completed within four weeks, thus giving nearly two weeks in which to clear up, put in seats, and decorate. The contractor in charge of the wood work of the whole building says that there will be no hitch whatever in the programme outlined.

Train Derailed.

SALIDA, Col., May 17.—The Leadville express on the Denver and Rio Grande was derailed while rounding a long curve in Brown's Canon Tuesday night. The express and baggage cars were dashed to pieces on the rocks in the canon and the smoking car partially demolished. The day coach and sleepers turned over on the track, but were only slightly injured. Express Messenger Wolfenburger was probably fatally injured and twelve or fifteen passengers painfully bruised. The escape of many from death is regarded as marvellous.

Unitarian Conference.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The thirty fourth annual session of the Western Unitarian Conference began yesterday. Only routine matters were considered at the business session. The Western Sunday School Societies annual occupied the afternoon. All papers were discussed and announcement was made of a normal school soon to be established here to be called "The Alliance Lectureship for Instruction in Morals and Religion." Courses of lectures will be given by prominent clergymen and others.

Dinner to Mr. Fuller.

CHICAGO, May 17.—A private dinner in honor of Melville W. Fuller, the President's nominee for Chief Justice, was given last evening at the Hotel Richelieu. The guests were thirty of the most distinguished citizens of Chicago, including men of all parties, among them Judge Walter G. Gresham and Gen. George Crook. Mr. Fuller and other gentlemen responded to toasts, but altogether informally.

Presbyterian General Assembly.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—The centennial meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly, the supreme ecclesiastical court of the Presbyterian church in the United States, began in this city this morning. There are over five hundred delegates or commissioners in attendance, representing every State and Territory in the Union.

Dividend.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The Comptroller of the Currency has declared a fourth dividend, 5 per cent., payable on and after the 21st instant, in favor of the creditors of the Exchange National Bank of Norfolk, Va., making in all 45 per cent. on claims proved, amounting to \$2,889,681. This bank failed April 9, 1885.

Methodist Conference.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The active work of the fifteenth day of the General Methodist Conference began with the report of the judiciary committee on certain questions referred to it touching the organic law of the church. Bishop Foss presided.

Suicide of a Dentist.

PITTSBURG, May 17.—Dr. James O. C., a prominent dentist of the East End, committed suicide in his office at midnight by inhaling gas through a tube. Drink and domestic troubles prompted the deed. The deceased was 61 years old.

Cotton Burned.

BALTIMORE, May 17.—Four hundred and seventy-one bales of cotton, stored on scow at Locust Point, were destroyed by fire this morning. The cotton was in the custody of the York River Steamboat Company, and the damage is estimated at about \$4,000.

Mr. Corbin.

NEW YORK, May 17.—A private cable has been received in Wall street to-day from Mr. Corbin stating that there is no foundation for his reported illness and that he never felt better in his life.

The Emperor Frederick.

BERLIN, May 17.—The Emperor had a good night. He went out in the park at 10 o'clock this morning.

A BEAUTIFUL EASTER CARD given with every package of DIAMOND EGG DYE at mh22 J. D. H. LUNT'S.

DOUBLE FRENCH and RACK finest grade CAMELS' HAIR SHIRTS at nov25 AMOS B. SLAYMAKERS.

NEW YORK CHAMPAGNE CIDER, 30c. per gallon, just received, oct26 GEO. MCURNEY & SON.

LIMA BEANS received to-day by mh26 J. C. MILBURN.

Episcopal Council.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

STAUNTON, Va., May 16.—The thirty-third annual council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia opened with Divine service in Trinity church, at 10 o'clock this morning. A most timely and excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. Lewis M. Burton, of Richmond, setting forth clearly and eloquently the dangers now surrounding the church and the duties devolving upon her faithful members. While sounding a warning it was also hopeful and inspiring. Holy communion was then celebrated by Assistant Bishop Randolph and Bishop Peterkin of West Virginia.

The council met for business twenty minutes after the close of Divine service, with Bishop Randolph in the chair owing to the absence of Bishop Whittle, through illness. The secretary called the roll of clergy and laity, finding 81 of the former and 50 of the latter present. The rules of order of the previous council were adopted with the addition, that the standing committee be elected on the second day of the council, immediately after the Bishop's address.

Article 10 of the constitution was amended so that the members of the standing committee be, as usual, elected by ballot and continue in office until their successors be elected.

A resolution of sympathy with Bishop Whittle in his illness and of sincere regret for his consequent absence from the council, with prayers for his recovery, was unanimously passed by a standing vote, and sent to him by telegraph.

Dr. Nelson, of the Seminary, offered the following resolution which was unanimously carried: That, whereas it is of supreme importance to maintain the spiritual health which characterized our councils hitherto, the members of the council be urged to attend the religious services to unite in praise to Almighty God for His blessings in the past and in prayer that He will vouchsafe to continue these blessings to our church and diocese in the future.

The regular committees were then appointed by Bishop Randolph.

Council adjourned at two o'clock to meet to-morrow morning.

Among the visiting clergy present are Bishop Peterkin, of West Virginia, and the Revs. William and George Dame, of Maryland.

The services to-night will be in the interest of diocesan missions. An address will be given by Dr. Newton, of Richmond.

Bishop Randolph held a confirmation service last night and admitted twenty-three candidates to the full communion of the church.

The improvements recently made in Trinity Church are in remarkably good taste, and entitle it to the honor of being among the most handsome edifices in the diocese.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The stock market was quite irregular at the opening this morning, prices showing changes of from 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. either way as compared with last evening's closing quotations. There was an indication of weakness in the early dealings, but the list soon recovered and fractional advances were established. The business done was very moderate, except in Richmond and West Point and one or two other stocks. There was no feature in the trading, however, and at 11 o'clock the market was quiet and firm, generally at small fractions better than the opening figures. Money easy at 1 1/2%.

BALTIMORE, May 17.—Virginia's consolidated 37; past-due coupons 41; 10-40s 36; new 3s 65 bid to-day.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, May 17.—The prices of Flour are fair and the demand is constant at current figures. Wheat is quiet but steady. We note the usual range of prices, as to condition of samples, running from 75 to 80 for inferior, 80 to 90 for common to fair, and 90 to 100 for good to choice longberry. Corn is firm at 65 to 66; Rye is active at 70 to 82. Oats 10 to 12; dark aged 36 to 39. Eggs are scarce and higher at 13 to 14. Receipts of Butter are increasing and figures are 1c lower. Other produce is without change.

BALTIMORE, May 17.—Cotton quiet and steady; middling 10 1/2%. Flour active, strong and advancing. Wheat—Southern steady and firm; Fultz 93 1/2%; longberry 95 1/4%; Western fair; active, firm and higher; No. 2 winter red 95 1/2%; Jan 93 1/2%; July 93 1/2%; Aug 95 1/2%; Corn—Southern in good demand and firm; white 65 1/2%; yellow 66 1/2%; Western dull but nominally firm; mixed 66 1/2%; May 66 65 1/2%; June 62 1/2%; July 63 1/2%; Outcrop but firmer; Southern and Penna 40 1/